



No. 57

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Buckingham, Chartier, Belanger, Sproule, Forbes, Beck, McCall, Sarauer, and Meili.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to order and pursuant to rule 16(7), petitions from residents of the province of Saskatchewan, requesting the following action, were read and received:

To keep custodial work public.

(Sessional paper no. 319)

To ensure job security for victims of domestic violence.

(Sessional paper no. 320)

To stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 225)

To construct a second bridge for Prince Albert.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 226)

- To fund the Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP) Council Inc.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 228)
- To reverse cuts to the Aboriginal court worker program.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 231)
- To exempt all licensed, non-profit childcare centres from property tax.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 234)
- To increase funding to Prince Albert mobile crisis.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 314)
- To eliminate the wage gap between women and men.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 315)
- To reverse the per prescription fee increase for people with illnesses.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 316)
- To stop the passage of *Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016*.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 318)

STANDING COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the names of Paul Merriman and Don McMorris be substituted for the names of Glen Hart and Randy Weekes on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts; and

That the name of Glen Hart be substituted for the name of Hugh Nerlien on the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies; and

That the name of Hugh Nerlien be added to the Standing Committee on Human Services; and

That the name of Paul Merriman be added to the Standing Committee on Private Bills; and further

That the name of Ryan Meili be substituted for the name of Carla Beck on the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 247 to 250, and 259, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and order for returns were issued. (see appendix)

The order of the day being called for question nos. 251 to 258, and 260 to 267, they were answered. (see appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016
Projet de loi n° 40 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'interprétation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Vermette, adjourned.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le Projet de loi n° 40 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'interprétation soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Vermette, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 43 – The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 43 – The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Chartier, adjourned.

Bill No. 44 – The Water Security Agency Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Moe: That Bill No. 44 – The Water Security Agency Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Sarauer, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following responses to written questions were tabled by the government:

Question no. 251 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How much revenue was generated through SaskPower's Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) global consortium for each membership level in 2013? (2) 2014? (3) 2015? (4) 2016?

Answer:

There have been no revenues generated through the CCS consortium through the period ending December 31, 2016. As a result of relationships established through the consortium, a partnership with BHP Billiton was negotiated with a commitment of \$20M over five years to fund the International CCS Knowledge Centre. The partnership was formally announced on February 5, 2016.

Question no. 252 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) What were SaskPower's total costs associated with SaskPower's CCS symposiums in 2013? (2) 2014? (3) 2015? (4) 2016?

Answer:

SaskPower CCS symposiums were held in 2013, 2014, and 2015.

2013	2014	2015	2016
\$189,000	\$166,327	\$4,479	\$0

Note: In 2015 a joint event was held with the international energy agency greenhouse gas program (IEAGHG) post combustion capture conference in which costs were offset with sponsorship.

Question no. 253 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How many memberships (of each level) to SaskPower's CCS global consortium were sold in 2013? (2) 2014? (3) 2015? (4) 2016?

Answer:

No memberships have been sold through the CCS consortium through the period ending December 31, 2016. SaskPower began communicating a potential CCS consortium framework in the late months of 2012 through 2015. From late 2015 a partnership opportunity with BHP Billiton was negotiated with a commitment of \$20M over five years to fund the International CCS Knowledge Centre. The partnership was formally announced on February 5, 2016.

Question no. 254 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the Saskatchewan Power Corporation's current debt-to-equity ratio?

Answer:

SaskPower's debt-to-equity ratio as at February 28, 2017 was 75.7%.

Question no. 255 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Since March 31, 2016, how many megawatts (MW) of capacity has been generated by the Cypress wind power facility? (2) SunBridge wind power facility? (3) Centennial wind power facility? (4) Morse wind energy facility? (5) Red Lily wind energy facility?

Answer:

	Energy (MWh)	Capacity (MW)
(1) Cypress wind power facility	26,811	11
(2) SunBridge wind power facility	25,822	11
(3) Centennial wind power facility	446,796	150
(4) Morse wind energy facility	89,133	23
(5) Red Lily wind energy facility	85,983	26

The installed capacity (in MW) of each facility allows electricity to be generated and supplied to the grid when the wind is blowing. This energy is measured in megawatt-hours (or MWh). One MWh is equal to 1000 kilowatt hours (or KWh).

Question no. 256 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What was the total value of settlements resulting from legal cases related to land purchases for the Regina bypass project in 2013-14? (2) 2014-15? (3) 2015-16? (4) 2016-17 (to date)?

Answer:

- (1) There has been no settlement of legal proceedings related to land acquired for the Regina bypass and consequently no payments in 2013-14.
- (2) There has been no settlement of legal proceedings related to land acquired for the Regina bypass and consequently no payments in 2014-15.
- (3) There has been no settlement of legal proceedings related to land acquired for the Regina bypass and consequently no payments in 2015-16.
- (4) There has been no settlement of legal proceedings related to land acquired for the Regina bypass and consequently no payments in 2016-17 (to date).

Question no. 257 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What capital assets were acquired by Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure from Broda Group Limited Partnership in 2015-16 (as listed in Public Accounts 2015)? (2) What was the value of each capital asset acquired by Broda Group Limited Partnership in 2015-16?

Answer:

- (1) No capital assets were acquired by the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure from Broda Group Limited Partnership in 2015-16, these are capital construction costs relating to publicly tendered contracts.
- (2) N/A

Question no. 258 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What capital assets were acquired by Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure from Carmacks Enterprises Ltd. in 2015-16 (as listed in Public Accounts 2015)? (2) What was the value of each capital asset acquired by Carmacks Enterprises Ltd. in 2015-16?

Answer:

- (1) No capital assets were acquired by the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure from Carmacks Enterprises Ltd. in 2015-16, these are capital construction costs relating to publicly tendered contracts.
- (2) N/A

Question no. 260 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many farm ownership exemption orders were authorized by Farm Land Security Board in 2013-14? (2) 2014-15? (3) 2015-16? (4) 2016-17 (to date)?

Answer:

This question should be directed to the Minister of Agriculture.

Question no. 261 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance: What is the total value of rebates under the corporation income tax rebate for capital investment in primary steel production since its creation?

Answer:

Zero.

Question no. 262 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance: How many producers have utilized the corporation income tax rebate for capital investment in primary steel production since its creation?

Answer:

Zero.

Question no. 263 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Global Transportation Hub Authority: What businesses are currently operating at the Global Transportation Hub?

Answer:

Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), Loblaw Companies Ltd., Consolidated Fastfrate Inc., Emterra Group, Morguard Corporation, Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA), Slinkemo Enterprises Ltd., Sterling Truck & Trailer Ltd., Future Transfer, and Global Transportation Hub Authority (GTH).

Question no. 264 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: How many Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP) recipients have had their benefits impacted by the proposed Income Assistance redesign as the result of a change of circumstance or a change in residence since March 1, 2016?

Answer:

No recipient who has had a change of circumstance or a change in residence has had their benefit changed due to the proposed Income Assistance redesign.

Question no. 265 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: How many individuals have had their Saskatchewan Employment Supplement (SES) benefits impacted by the proposed income assistance redesign as the result of a change of circumstance or a change in residence since March 1, 2016?

Answer:

No recipient who has had a change of circumstance or a change in residence has had their benefit changed due to the proposed Income Assistance redesign.

Question no. 266 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: How many Saskatchewan Assurance Income for Disability (SAID) recipients have had their benefits impacted by the proposed Income Assistance redesign as the result of a change of circumstance or a change in residence since March 1, 2016?

Answer:

No recipient who has had a change of circumstance or a change in residence has had their benefit changed due to the proposed Income Assistance redesign.

Question no. 267 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many emergency intervention orders were implemented in 2004? (2) 2005? (3) 2006? (4) 2007? (5) 2008? (6) 2009? (7) 2010? (8) 2011? (9) 2012? (10) 2013? (11) 2014? (12) 2015? (13) 2016? (14) 2017 (to date)?

Answer:

The number of emergency intervention orders that have been issued is as follows:

- (1) 2004 – 113
- (2) 2005 – 75
- (3) 2006 – 81
- (4) 2007 – 53
- (5) 2008 – 57
- (6) 2009 – 67
- (7) 2010 – 45
- (8) 2011 – 26
- (9) 2012 – 28
- (10) 2013 – 23
- (11) 2014 – 41
- (12) 2015 – 28
- (13) 2016 – 20 (preliminary)
- (14) 2017 – 1 (to date and preliminary)

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written questions were converted and order for returns were issued:

Return no. 72 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Economy: (1) The number of employees in the oil and natural gas division that were responsible for pipeline inspections in 2012-13. (2) 2013-14. (3) 2014-15. (4) 2015-16. (5) 2016-17.

Return no. 73 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Economy: (1) The number of pipeline inspections that were performed by employees in the oil and natural gas division in 2012-13. (2) 2013-14. (3) 2014-15. (4) 2015-16. (5) 2016-17.

Return no. 74 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Economy: The number of pipeline inspectors that have been hired since July 1, 2016.

Return no. 75 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Economy: The number of pipeline inspectors that have been contracted from outside the public service since July 1, 2016.

Return no. 76 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: For each parcel of land purchased by the Ministry of Highways for the Regina bypass project: (1) The seller. (2) The size of the parcel, in acres. (3) The legal land description(s). (4) If the parcel was acquired on a willing-buyer willing-seller basis or through expropriation. (5) The value of the sale. (6) The appraisal value(s) for each parcel.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Fiaz to move the following motion:

That this Assembly recognizes the recent strength in Saskatchewan job numbers, alongside a growing population, as strong economic indicators that the policies of this government are creating an environment that encourages economic growth.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Opposition)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 602 – The Election (Fairness and Accountability) Amendment Act

(Mr. Wotherspoon) PRINTED

No. 2 (Government)

Not submitted – Item of business determined pursuant to rule 24(4).

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 56 and is to be answered by day no. 61:

Question no. 279 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What are the names and case numbers of the three court cases referred to by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General on March 8, 2017, which can be found on page 1592 of the *Debates and Proceedings* of the First Session of the 28th Legislature of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan? (2) For each case, what section or sections of the Criminal Code was the defendant charged under?